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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCES IN PEKING

1. SUMMARY. THE CHINESE TURNOUT AT USLO'S JULY 4TH RECEPTION WAS HEADED BY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LI CHIANG, THE FIRST TIME THAT THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL FOR THE U.S. NATIONAL DAY. END SUMMARY.

2. USLO HELD SEPARATE RECEPTIONS ON JULY 3RD TO CELEBRATE THE BICENTENNIAL FOURTH OF JULY, A MORNING AFFAIR FOR THE CHINESE AND AN AFTERNOON ONE FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. THE CHINESE TURNED OUT APPROXIMATELY 250 GUESTS HEADED BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE LI CHIANG. OTHER RANKING CHINESE GUESTS INCLUDED WANG HAI-JUNG, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; HSIAO PENG, VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY; CHANG CHIH-CHIANG, VICE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH; CHAO CHENG-HUNG, LEADING OFFICIAL OF THE PRC COMMISSION FOR PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPORTS; WANG HSIAO-YI, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PEKING MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE; MME. KANG TAI-SHA, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS; LIN PING, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S

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AMERICAS AND OCEANIA DEPARTMENT; AND CHU CHUAN-HSIEN, DIRECTOR

OF THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT.

3. LI CHIANG'S ATTENDANCE MARKS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE CHINESE HAVE SENT A STATE COUNCIL MINISTER TO USLO'S JULY 4TH RECEPTION (CHIAO KUAN-HUA, THEN A VICE FOREIGN MINISTER, HEADED THE TURNOUT IN 1973 AND 1974 WHILE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG TOPPED THE PROTOCOL LIST LAST YEAR). THIS PRESUMABLY SIGNIFIES A MEASURED CHINESE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF THE OCCASION.

4. USLO'S SPECIAL INVITATIONAL SHOWING OF "HELLO DOLLY" AT PEKING'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB ON JULY 3RD DREW A REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF CHINESE GUESTS, AMONG THEM A FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTINGENT HEADED BY US AFFAIRS OFFICE DIRECTOR TING YUAN-HUNG. GATES

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